A SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER First Week After Epiphany January 13, 1987

Prayer

God of grace and God of glory Inspire our hearts and minds; and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Organ Prelude (a time for silence and meditation)

*Call to Worship

L: The Lord is the everlasting God; God created all the world.

P: GOD NEVER GROWS TIRED OR WEARY. NO ONE UNDERSTANDS GOD'S THOUGHTS.

L: God strengthens those who are weak and tired.

P: THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD WILL FIND THEIR STRENGTH RENEWED.

*Hymn No. 27 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

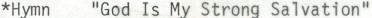
Grant, we beseech you, almighty God, that we who are burdened with the consciousness of our guilt may by your mercy be forgiven, that being cleansed from sin we may be clothed in your righteousness, and worthily rejoice in the joy of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

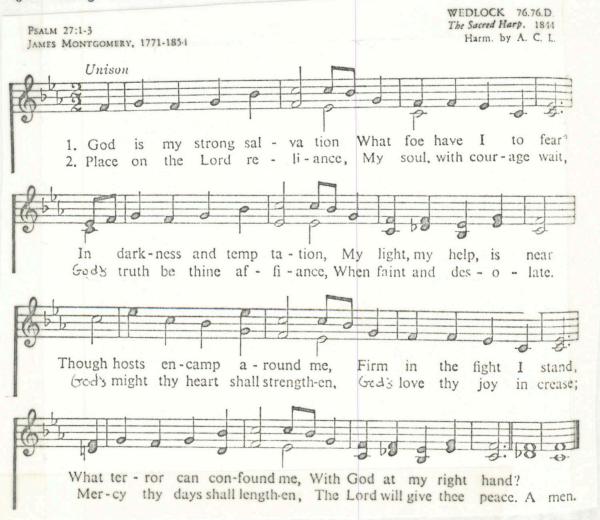
*Words of Assurance

L: Almighty God has given Jesus Christ to die for us and for Christ's sake forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit we are cleansed and given power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who calls us out of darkness into light.

First Reading from the Daily Office

Isaiah 40:25-31





A Second Reading from the Daily Office Mark 1:14-28

Sermon

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 152 "Forth in Thy Name"

*Dismissal

L: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent, and believe in the gospel."

P: THE TIME IS FULFILLED! WE REPENT; WE BELIEVE.

L: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with us always.

P. AMEN.

*The Sharing of Christ's Peace

Organ Postlude

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